



**Department of Health and Human Services
Indian Health Service
Division of Environmental Health Services
Injury Prevention Program**



**2008 – 2009 RIDE SAFE AND SLEEP SAFE
FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Key Dates:

Applications Due: May 9, 2008

Award Notification: May 23, 2008

Mandatory Workshop: August 6-7, 2008 (Albuquerque, NM)

Summary:

The Indian Health Service, Division of Environmental Health Services, Injury Prevention Program in collaboration with the Indian Health Service Head Start Program and the IHS Emergency Medical Services for Children announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2009 funds for partnership agreements between the Region XI AIAN Head Start grantees and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention staff to: 1) reduce/prevent motor vehicle childhood injuries and deaths due to the limited use or improper use of child safety seats; and, 2) to reduce the rate of fire and burn injuries due to households not properly installing and/or operating smoke detectors.

Funds for the Ride Safe Program will specifically be used for the purchase of child safety seats for Region XI AIAN Head Start children ages 3 to 5 years old, Ride Safe Program modules, and the mandatory Workshop attendance for the Ride Safe Coordinator and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Funds for the Sleep Safe Program will specifically be used for the purchase of 10-year lithium battery photoelectric smoke alarms for Region XI AIAN Head Start and Early Head Start children's parents and grandparent's homes, Sleep Safe Modules, and the mandatory Workshop attendance for the Sleep Safe Coordinator and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Please review the two Funding Announcements to determine if either Program will meet the needs in your Community. Each application must be submitted by the deadline, no exceptions will be granted.



Ride Safe

“A Child Safety Seat on Every Trip”

Background

The Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Program and the IHS Head Start Program are pleased to announce funds for the 2008-2009 academic year to support the **Ride Safe Program**, which is an American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start based child passenger safety (CPS) program that provides an educational curriculum and child safety seats for Head Start children ages 3-5.

The goal of **Ride Safe** is to help Tribal communities address motor vehicle injuries among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children aged 3-5 by promoting motor vehicle child restraint use among children/families participating in a Region XI AIAN Head Start programs through:

- Child passenger safety education for Head Start students and parents
- Distribution/installation of child safety seats for Head Start students
- Completion of evaluation activities (observational surveys and follow-up home-visits)
- Promoting community awareness on the importance of child safety seat use

Letters of Interest

This notice solicits letters of interest from tribal Head Start programs that are interested in implementing a **Ride Safe Program in their community**.

- *What is the scope of the funding?*
 - Purchasing child safety seats
 - Purchasing program equipment. Funds are prioritized to provide child safety seats. Consideration will be given to requests for CPS training and program equipment.
 - Mandatory attendance by a coordinator at the national **Ride Safe Program** training. This training will be held in conjunction with the Sleep Safe Coordinator's Workshop, August 6-7, 2008. Funding for travel to this Workshop will be reimbursed by the IHS IP Program.
- Who is eligible to apply?
 - Region XI AIAN Head Start grantees in partnership with IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Staff.

Letters of Interest Must Include the Following

Each Letter of Interest must include the following information:

1. **Description of the Tribe and Community to be served by the Ride Safe Program.** This includes information about Tribal population, location, and child passenger safety activities conducted in the Tribe or community.
2. **Description of the Head Start to be served by the Ride Safe Program.** This includes a brief description of Head Start center staff, number of children under five years of age, number of Head Start Centers serving the Tribe or community, number of Head Start Centers to be served by the Ride Safe Program, description of parent committee(s), previous child passenger safety/injury prevention activities/education, a list of CPS partnerships developed, and other ongoing health projects.
3. **Child Safety Seat Needs.** Indicate the number of child safety seats that are needed for the children served by the Head Start center that will participate in **Ride Safe**.
4. **Description of previous activities related to the project.** This includes previous work in Ride Safe/CPS programs, Sleep Safe or other Injury Prevention activities.
5. **Description of Child Safety Seat laws on this Reservation and enforcement jurisdictions.** This includes who enforces child safety seat laws in this Community, if there is a child safety seat law, and whether the law is primary or secondary.
6. **Description of the community Motor Vehicle injury Data and how the Ride Safe project will address MVC injury issues.** This includes providing motor vehicle crash injury data from IHS/Tribal hospital and clinics, current child seat survey results, and/or news articles on local motor vehicle crash injury data.
7. **Name and Position of individual(s) with CPS Technician Certification who will be able to support Ride Safe child safety seat distribution events/activities.** Indicate certification level. If no one is available, identify funding needed to provide child safety seat training.
8. **Ride Safe Project Coordinator** Each letter of interest should identify someone who will serve as the Project Coordinator. This could be the Head Start employee or a community partner such as the Environmental Health Officer, Injury Prevention Coordinator or Tribal Public Health Nurse. The Coordinator must be someone with the time and skills required to coordinate the overall implementation of the Ride Safe Program at the Head Start Center. Other Coordinator's responsibilities include: ensure staff CPS certification; coordinate the distribution of car seats; coordinate education of staff, parents and students;

coordinate program evaluation; administer the necessary progress reports to IHS; and, must attend the Ride/Sleep Safe Workshop in Albuquerque, NM, August 6-7, 2008.

9. **Examples of other Support (Environmental Health/Injury Prevention staff, partnering CPS technicians, etc.).** Each letter of interest should indicate the support and assistance of the local IHS/Tribal Environmental Health or Injury Prevention staff. Injury Prevention is a major component of all IHS/Tribal Environmental health programs. Environmental Health Officer/Injury Prevention Coordinator will assist the Ride Safe Coordinators with implementation of the Ride Safe program (assisting parent/staff training, program monitoring). It is required that IHS/Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator attend the two-day training workshop in Albuquerque, NM.
10. **Examples of Support** This includes letters of support from the tribal chairperson, the Tribal health director, IHS/Tribal injury prevention/environmental health staff member, police departments, and/or IHS Area injury prevention specialist. Please specify organizations and individuals that can assist with specific tasks with Ride Safe.

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted by fax, email, or regular mail by May 9, 2008, to:

Nancy Bill
IHS Headquarters Injury Prevention Program Manager
801 Thompson, TMP 610
Rockville, MD, 20852
Email: Nancy.Bill@IHS.GOV
Fax: 301-443-7538

What is the timetable for the program?

- Applications due: May 9, 2008
- Award notification: May 23, 2008
- **Ride Safe Program** Training: August 6-7, 2008 (Albuquerque, NM)
- **Ride Safe Program** implementation: September 2008
- **Ride Safe Program** completion: June 1, 2009



Sleep Safe

“Every American Indian and Alaska Native Child will Sleep in a Home Protected with a Smoke Alarm”

Background

The American Indian Head Start Programs Branch, Indian Health Service and the United States Fire Administration are collaborating for the tenth year on the Sleep Safe fire safety program

The *Sleep Safe* project goal is to reduce the rate of fire and burn injuries among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children ages 0-5 enrolled in Tribal Head Start centers participating in the Sleep Safe Program. This goal will be achieved by:

- Increasing the percent of operable smoke alarms in parents and grandparent's homes of AI/AN children participating in the Sleep Safe Program.
- Providing fire safety educational curricula to Head Start programs to increase awareness among American Indian and Alaska Native families and among childcare providers of children ages 0-5.
- Promoting community coalition development, community data collection, and community fire safety activism.

Letters of Interest

This notice solicits letters of interest from tribal Head Start programs that are interested in implementing a **Sleep Safe project in their community.**

- What is the scope of the funding?
 - A **Sleep Safe** Fire Safety Curriculum Module
 - 10-year lithium battery photoelectric smoke alarms provided to selected Head Start families. Funds are prioritized to provide at least 1 smoke alarm in the homes of parents and grandparents
 - Technical assistance on addressing fire/burn prevention issues.
 - Mandatory attendance by a coordinator at the national **Sleep Safe Coordinator's Training Workshop**. This training will be held August 6-7, 2008, in Albuquerque, NM. Costs (airfare, per diem, lodging) associated with this training session will be reimbursed by the IHS Injury Prevention Program.
- Who is eligible to apply?
 - Region XI AI/AN Head Start grantees in partnership with IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Staff.

Letters of Interest Must Include the Following

Each Letter of Interest must include the following information:

1. **Description of the Tribe and Community to be served by This Fire Safety Project.** This includes information about Tribal population, location, and fire safety activities conducted in the Tribe or community.\
2. **Description of the Head Start to be served by this Fire Safety Project.** This includes a brief description of Head Start center staff, number of children under five years of age, number of Head Start Centers serving the Tribe or community, number of Head Start Centers to be served by the Sleep Safe Project, description of parent committee(s), previous fire safety/injury prevention activities/education, a list fire prevention partnerships developed, and other ongoing health projects.
3. **Description of previous activities related to the project.** This includes previous work in fire safe/sleep safe program.
4. **Description of local resources/sources of match for this Fire Safety Project.**
5. **Smoke Alarm Need.** Each Head Start Center should indicate the number of smoke alarms that are needed for families served by the Head Start Center that will participate in the **Sleep Safe** Project. Identify key staff (head start, fire department, environmental health) that will install smoke alarms. We recommend installing at least one smoke alarm per house (or one alarm per each floor of the house).
6. **Burn Injury Data about Your Community.** This includes providing the number of burn/scald injuries from IHS/Tribal hospital and clinics, current smoke alarm usage survey results, and/or news articles on local fire/burn injuries.
7. **Sleep Safe Project Coordinator.** Each letter of interest should identify someone who will serve as the Project Coordinator. This could be the Head Start employee or a community partner such as the Environmental Health Officer, Injury Prevention Coordinator or fire department staff. The Coordinator must be someone with the time and skills required to coordinate the overall implementation of the Sleep Safe Program at the Head Start Center. Other Coordinator's responsibilities include: implement the Sleep Safe curriculum to staff, student, and parents; must coordinate with Head Start staff or community partners to install smoke alarms and conduct follow-up visits; administer the necessary progress reports to IHS.

The Coordinator will be required to attend a two-day training workshop in Albuquerque, NM, August 6-7, 2008. The Coordinator will also be responsible for monitoring and reporting program progress to Sleep Safe Project staff.

- 8. Environmental Health Staff Support.** Each letter of interest should indicate the support and assistance of the local IHS/Tribal Environmental Health or Injury Prevention staff. Injury Prevention is a major component of all IHS/Tribal Environmental health programs. Environmental Health Officer/Injury Prevention Coordinator will assist the Sleep Safe Coordinators with implementation of the Sleep Safe program (assisting parent/staff training, program monitoring). It is required that IHS/Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator attend the two-day training workshop in Albuquerque, NM.
- 9. Examples of Support.** This includes letters of support from the tribal chairperson, the Tribal health director, IHS/Tribal injury prevention/environmental health staff member, fire/EMS department staff, and/or IHS Area injury prevention specialist. Please specify organizations and individuals that can assist with specific tasks with the project (i.e. assist with the installation of Sleep Safe smoke alarms into the homes of Head Start Center families and their grandparents).

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